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Kazuhiko Yamanouchi, et al.

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PETITION TO ACCEPT DELAYED CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for acceptance of a delayed claim of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based on the following prior PCT international application designating the United States of America¹:

<u>Country/Treaty</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Application Date</u>
PCT	PCT/JP99/05512	October 6, 1999

The subject U.S. patent application was filed on April 5, 2001 as a national application of the above PCT international application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2), a claim for priority to the above PCT application was due by August 5, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3), applicants hereby request that the specification be amended to include the following reference to the prior international application on page 1, line 4 of the specification:

¹ International Patent Application No. PCT/JP99/05512 claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-284,450 filed October 6, 1998. A claim for priority to the Japanese priority application was timely filed in the subject U.S. patent application on April 5, 2001 in the executed Declaration.

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This patent application is a continuation of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP99/05512 filed October 6, 1999, which claims priority to Japanese Patent Application No. 10-284,450 filed October 6, 1998.--

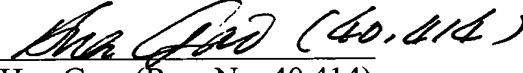
Applicants state that the entire delay between the date of the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2)(ii) (*i.e.*, August 5, 2001) and the date the claim was filed (*i.e.*, the date of subject Petition) was unintentional.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the required official fee for the subject Petition, which is estimated to be \$1370.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t).

In view of the above, applicants respectfully request that the Petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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